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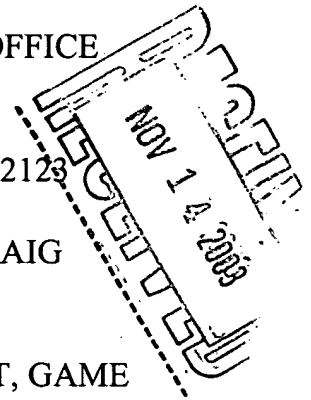
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Appln. No. : 09/559,128

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For : COMPUTER READABLE PROGRAM PRODUCT, GAME
CONTROL METHOD, AND VIDEO GAME SYSTEM



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, applicants call the following document, which was cited in a European Search Report dated September 1, 2003, for corresponding European Application No. 01 11 0366, to the Examiner's attention:

Blizzard Entertainment "Diablo", XP-002251757, <www.blizzard.com/diablo>, 1997.

The category of relevance and pertinent portions of this document are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate

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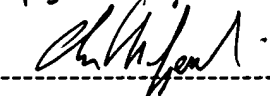
spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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